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CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

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CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

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Time To Renew

Late in October your "Congregational Kansas" Key Person will receive a list of the present subscribers in your church, accompanied by a letter giving details.

Only churches having 20% or more of their total membership subscribing are entitled to the 50 cent subscription rate. By vote of the Conference Board of Trustees, the cost to individuals and to churches with less than 20% of their membership subscribing will be $1.00 for 1958.

Each year more churches are sending the magazine to every church family. How better can we make our churches aware of belonging to a fellowship much more far reaching than the local church?

In other churches one devoted person solicits subscriptions from every family. In still other churches the Pilgrim Fellowship young people handle the job efficiently.

Whatever your plan, try to get "Congregational Kansas" into every church home. Renewals and new subscriptions are due by December first.

Distinguished Visitors

On September 19 and 20, five members or secretaries of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions visited in Kansas. They were: Mr. Wm. K. Newman, Secretary of the Church Building Department, Dr. Samuel W. Keck, Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief, Mrs. Walter Candy, Mr. Cyril Nutley and Mr. Albert Tucker, members of the Executive Committee.

They had only a few hours in Kansas City on the 19th, but they did visit Colonial Church in Prairie Village and looked over the Kansas City Welborn building plans while there. They spent September 20 in Wichita where a full schedule worked out by the Conference Staff included visits to all the Congregational Churches and most of the E and R Churches.

Highlights on the tour included a visit to our newest church - Concord, where coffee was served in the new church center and a quick swing was made around the fast growing Country Acres area. The Rev. and Mrs. George Dreher and family were not present for the occasion as they could not reach Wichita until the first week in October. All were delighted with the improvements at Mayflower including newly partitioned class rooms; the Rev. Elmo Paff interpreted the situation there. At Pilgrim, a panel guided by the Rev. Merton Rymph revealed their program and needs.

Plymouth and Fairmount, the two long establised churches in Wichita also have plans for program progress and expansion to help meet the ever growing population in the Wichita area.

The visitors seemed pleased with what they saw and heard and gave wise counsel for future development.

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One Hundred Years Old

The First Congregational Church at Emporia will celebrate its Centennial November 24th, 1957. The program, now being formed by a special committee chaired by Frank Warren, will consist of events to occupy the entire day.

Featured will be the attendance of all of the living former pastors, except one, the Rev. George E. Mitchell of Terre Haute, Indiana, who is unable to come. Those planning to attend are: the Rev. Robert Inglis of Denver, Superintendent of the Colorado Conference, the Rev. Philip W. Sarles of Detroit, Michigan and the Rev. W. Adelbert Redfield of Phoenix, Arizona.

The Centennial celebration will be held in connection with the church's annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner to be held following the morning worship service.

The Emporia church's activities date from October, 1857, when the Rev. Grosvenor C. Morse arrived in Emporia and began holding services. The church was not formally organized, however, until August the following year, with a charter membership of five persons.

Mr. Morse came to Emporia from the Andover, Mass., Seminary as a member of the famous Andover Band which sought to spread Congregationalism in Kansas. Mr. Morse, with his bride, Abigail, was the second of this group of four to arrive in Kansas. The first was Sylvester D. Storrs, who settled in Quindaro; others were Richard Cordley who went to Lawrence and Roswell Davenport Parker, who settled in Leavenworth.

Arriving in Emporia, then a bustling little village only six months old, Mr. Morse started holding services in the dining room of the Emporia House, Emporia's first hotel, and the second building to have been erected on the townsite. His pastorate continued until the spring of 1868. In the meantime, Mr. Morse had become instrumental in the founding of other churches in the Emporia vicinity, and the establishment of the Kansas State Normal School in Emporia was due in large measure to his endeavors.

In 1860 the congregation built and dedicated its first church home, a small frame structure which cost $850.00. The site had been donated by the Emporia Town Company. This one-room structure served the congregation until replaced by a large stone structure dedicated in 1881. It was built during the pastorate of the Rev. Richard Cordley, the second member of the original Andover Band to become pastor at Emporia. A large addition to the church for religious education purposes was erected in 1910, known as Plymouth Hall. This addition was built in the early years of the 20-year pastorate of the Rev. John H. J. Rice.

The stone church and Plymouth Hall were destroyed by fire in early December, 1942. The congregation moved into the unused Bethany Congregational Church and plans were begun almost immediately to build a new church home. Leadership in this movement was assumed by the Rev. Stephen J. Williams, who had become pastor in 1942, and was carried on by the Rev. W. A. Redfield, interim pastor, while Mr. Williams was in the Armed Services.

Success met the efforts to rebuild, and the present New England Colonial Church in a new location, was dedicated March 19, 1950. The installation of

the tall spire last year completed the structure. Since 1950 the congregation has grown steadily under the guiding hand of Mr. Williams who is now in his 16th year in Emporia.

Roger Triplett, reporting

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Laymen At Emporia!

Glowing were the reports of more than 225 laymen representing 40 churches who attended the Fourth Annual Churchmanship Workshop held at Emporia First on September 14 and 15.

The stirring messages of Miss Elsie Farris pointed out the need for strong individual witness and a burning passion for the work of the church. Her vast knowledge of the problems and peoples of the world and the living example of her own life of sacrificial service make her words ring forth with power and conviction.

The Rev. Harold Wilke of the E & R Church was convincing in his contention that every layman is a minister. His gracious presentations at the Worksops on "Those E and R Folks" created an atmosphere of kinship and unity.

The Emporia Church surpasses in generating a warm feeling of welcome which makes for fine fellowship. The meals were wonderful, the church rooms were attractive and comfortable and the housing provided in homes was well arranged and most adequate. For all this and the gracious hospitality of our hosts - Steve and Etta Williams - we give thanks.

Churches represented on the signed registration list were: Carbondale - 4; Centralia - 2; Council Grove - 6; Emporia First - 32; Eureka - 5; Garden City - 3; Great Bend - 4; Hiawatha - 3; Kinsley 3; KC 1st Pilgrim - 2; KC Rosedale - 2; KC Ruby - 3; KC Welborn - 10; Lawrence - 6; Lenora - 5; Little River - 4; McPherson - 4; Muscotah - 4; Manhattan - 2; Newton - 5; Osborne - 2; Prairie Village - 4; Russell - 1; Sabetha - 11; Sedgwick - 3; Seneca - 3; Stanley - 7; Topeka First - 7; Topeka Central - 4; Topeka Seabrook - 6; Topeka Seaman - 11; Wichita Concord - 4; Wichita Mayflower - 2; Wichita Fairmount - 12; Wichita Pilgrim - 5; Whitewater - 9; E&R - 9.

Sabetha Laymen

A Men's Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Warner Lackland, practices each week and will bring special music on Laymen's Sunday, October 20.

OBSERVE

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

In Your Church

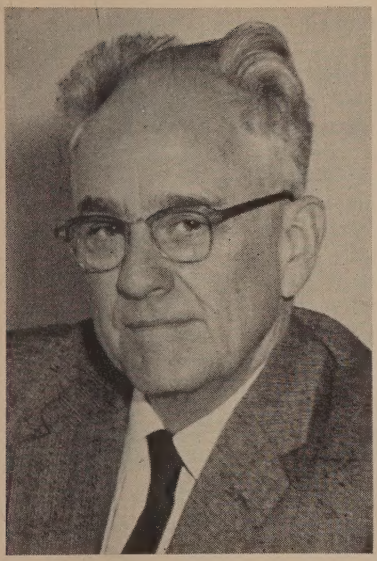
October 20

MUSIC BY LAYMEN
MESSAGES BY LAYMEN

October 20

You Are Invited

Watch for an invitation to a celebration. There will be one near you during the last week in October to honor the formation of the United Church of Christ. These meetings will also help all CC's and all E&R's become better acquainted. They will enable us to learn of our greater fields of service and to dedicate ourselves anew to God as He works thru our combined Board and agencies. Two or three carloads from each church will help make the evening a happy and blessed event.



Roscoe W. Graves

Conference Attorney Honored

Roscoe W. Graves recently received recognition at Emporia as the MAN OF THE WEEK. A full page story was carried honoring him for 25 years as Home Service chairman for the Lyon County Chapter of the Red Cross.

Mr. Graves retired from this job, believing that he had served in this capacity long enough. He was also cited for his work the past two years as judge of the City Police Court.

The Conference shares with pride in the good work of this loyal churchman. In the year 1929 and 1930 he served as Conference Moderator. Years ago, Dr. John B. Gonzales enlisted his services as a legal advisor on property matters. His legal counsel is still indispensible to the conference in this day of new church extension projects.

For six years Mr. Graves served as a member of the Executive Committee of the General Council. At the Cleveland meeting of the Uniting Synod, he was chosen as one of the six C & C members entrusted with the responsibility of drafting the constitution for the United Church of Christ.

We are glad that Mr. Graves did not retire from his church work when he retired from his position with the Red Cross. We honor him both because of his past labors of love, and now express our confidence in him as he assumes this new trust committed to him in the United Church of Christ.

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Son For Wentlings

Rev. and Mrs. Richard T. Wentling of Muscotah announce the arrival of Daniel Jonathan on September 26. Daniel has an older brother, David, who is four.

"Younger Brother"

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship is renting "Younger Brother" a film story of Japan for use in our Kansas churches during the month of November. This color film presents vividly and graphically the cost of becoming a Christian in present day Japan and shows the great opportunity we as Christians have to win the new Japan to Christ. This great film on this years world study theme will be available from the Conference Office during November for the payment of postage through the courtesy of the Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship.

An Error

A recent letter from the Conference Office on "Helps Available" listed "Reason for Being" as an 8 minute color filmstrip. It is 18 minutes.

What Is A Good Steward?

A good steward is a knowing individual. Not necessarily a learned person, but he is wise in the knowledge that God is Creator of his life and all nature. He knows that stewardship is an attitude of mind and a way of life, not just an act of giving. He knows that God has all the wealth of the universe and yet, He wants the good steward. He want his attention, his personality, his life, and, if, perchance, the good steward's material possessions take on too much importance for a while, He wants those. He knows that if anything separates him from communion with God, he must return often in prayer, else the Christian attitude of mind and the Godly life will be in danger of being lost, for he is sure in the knowledge that without God he can do nothing eternal.

A Good Steward is a Caring Person

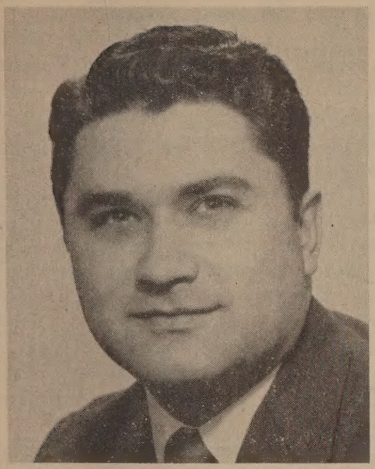
He is filled with gratitude. He is not only grateful to God for his life, but for the lives of all who contribute to good in the world. In "The Mind Goes Forth," the Overstreets label gratitude as the "mature emotion." They tell us we attain maturity in our attitude when we grow away from merely receiving, and taking the service of God and mankind as our due, to receiving and giving, and being grateful for the ability to do both. But, it seems to me, the good steward must also be grateful for those who don't contribute to the good of the world, for they too are loved by God and must be accepted by the caring person as brother. They afford the good steward the chance to be comforted because he has mourned over them, to forgive seventy times seven, to turn the other cheek, and the many other difficult Christian disciplines, that help him grow spiritually.

A Good Steward Shares

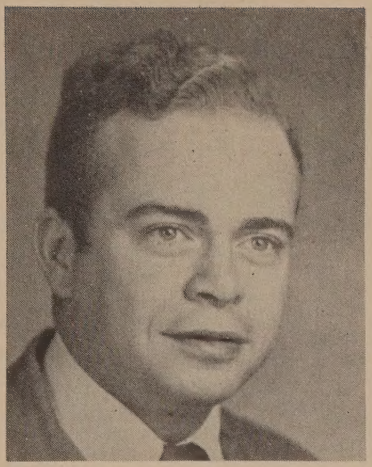
He shares himself. He gives his child his full attention and interest because he knows that this is one way to make the child feel at home in God's world. He shares his personality with his Church. Out of gratitude and love he joyfully shares his material possessions. He is so filled with love and gratitude that his cup runs over into the building of God's Kingdom. He shares as he sees need and in accordance with his ability to give. These are his only yardsticks - the need and his ability to give. And his giving does not end with his life, for the good steward remembers the church in his will.

What is a good steward? An ordinary person who is doing his utmost to follow the commandment of Jesus to love God and man. As he matures we see him as an extraordinary individual who carries within his heart the knowledge that he and all he has belong to God.

Vera Lancaster, Member
Conference Stewardsip Committee



Jack L. Havice, Little River



Cecil B. Curry, Downs

Students In Service

As evidence of the apalling shortage of trained ministers to serve our churches, a study reveals that twelve "in training" men are now serving Congregational Churches in Kansas. Three have taken leadership in churches during the past month.

These men are rendering remarkable service under difficult circumstances. Practically all of them have families to support, ranging from one to four children. They deserve our encouragement and help as they carry heavy loads of study and service during these years of preparation for more effective Christian life service.

In addition to the three whose pictures and stories appear here, the list includes the following:

Ray Gill serving Anthony, Wm. J. Penner serving Sedgwick, Robert Gurtler serving Ellis, Dean Williams - Maple Hill; Robert Vogt serving Wakefield and Milford; Richard Wentling - Muscotah, Marvin Ediger - Stanley and Rex Kelly - Tonganoxie.

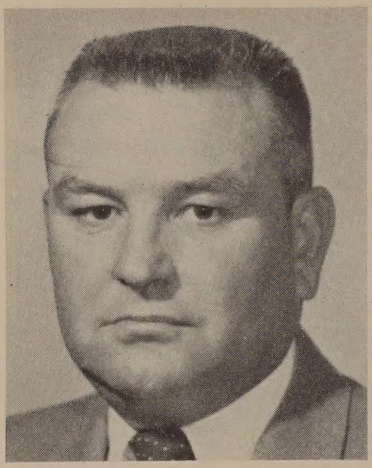
Little River Calls Minister

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Havice, with Jacqueline age 6 and Dale Madeline, age 2, moved into the Congregational parsonage at Little River the first of September. Mr. Havice is a Senior at McPherson College. He previously attended Indiana State Teachers' College in Indiana, Pennsylvania and studied two years at Bethany Bible Training School.

Curry To Downs

The Rev. Cecil B. Curry who was recently called to serve our church at Downs is not unknown to our western Kansas churches. He has filled pulpits at Little River, Russell and Gorham and also assisted with youth and choir work at Gorham.

Both he and his wife are seniors at Fort Hays State College. They live in a trailer house at Hays during the school week and spend their weekends at Downs in a motel apartment. Mr. Curry is a member of the Society of Friends.



Floyd Sibley

Kiowa Calls Minister

Floyd Sibley who has served the Kiowa church for the past eight months as a layman, has been called to the church on a full time basis and began his duties there September 15.

Mr. Sibley has been engaged in newspaper work and has been news editor of the Anthony Republican at Anthony for the past four years. He started working with the Kiowa church when Rev. Jean C. Bloebaum moved to Texarkana in February.

He is a graduate of Lewis, Kansas high school and attended Bethany College. He will continue his work at Northwestern State Teachers' at Alva, Oklahoma the second semester of this year. A World War II veteran, he served with the army 54 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Sibley and their four children, Douglas 13, Ronald 10, Sheryl 5 and Scott 18 months, will move to Kiowa as soon as work is completed on the parsonage. A new church building is also under construction.

Keen-Agers Club

This interesting group of older people at Central Church in Topeka began their second year of fellowship together recently. Attractive yearbooks were distributed with this foreward:

"The Keen-agers club is a group of people of retirement age who still have the will to meet the challenge of Life.

"In the final analysis the Keen-ager is a Teen-ager with experience; where youth has vigor, maturity has knowledge; together they are invincible.

"We hold that there is no retirement for learning or service, that both are ageless.

"We recognize that earlier retirement and lengthened lives have created a need for self-supervision and self-employment for an added ten or twenty years.

"Our purpose is - to furnish entertainment, activities and inspiration for ourselves, suited to our own needs; to continue to serve to the fullest extent of our abilities; to banish fear and hatred as emissaries of failure; and to welcome Faith and Brotherhood as harbingers of victory; through summarizing and using our own talents, to be a support rather than a burden to the Church and Community programs; never to stop dreaming dreams nor to forget the importance of our stewardship of God's blessings."

New Sanctuary

The extensive building program at Topeka Central shows progress. The Rev. Ned Burr McKenney announces that services will be held in the new sanctuary on October 13.

Plans for Dedication Week at Central are set for January 5-12, 1958. Kansas Congregationalists will enjoy the lovely new facilities when State Conference meets at Central April 25-27.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

"HEARTWARMERS"

To say that my heart was warmed is understatement, for it was set afire as I listened to Elsie Farris as she addressed our laymen three times in Emporia, the weekend of Sept. 14. She tells the old, old story with such vigor that it's impossible to not respond. The entire program for this 4th annual meeting of laymen was excellent and each year is becoming a "must" for more of our men.

But my heart was cold as I attended the Conference Stewardship committee meeting and heard Mr. Bagley, the chairman, say that there were only two major increases in the proposed Conference budget, as prepared by the committee - Campus Ministry and Church Extension; and that these were not major but actually minor raises. Starting right at home, our dollars must go around the world, but when each of us sends so few, they must be thinned too much. I appeal to each woman who reads this to be present when the Every Member Canvass callers come to your home, and to add your pledge as a responsible Christian to Our Christian World Mission.

But it warmed again as I attended a two-day meeting of the National Women's Fellowship executive board in Des Plaines, Illinois. This is the home of Lillian Gregory and our meetings were in the church she attends; and . . . as 31 women assembled to attend the Women's Fellowship concerns. These women are members of your State Board and for many it meant a sacrifice, because they left children at home. We worshipped, worked, and had an occasional break during the two days we were together. Most slept at the Rymph's, but Helen Hepler and Edith Erickson cared for others. The Women's Fellowship of Seabrook fed us three excellent meals and we had a fine breakfast Tuesday at the Rymph's. The dinner Monday was attended by 68. The Rev. Dale Turner and his committee on Evangelism were guests, and women from our four CC Topeka Fellowships and the one E&R Women's Guild were also present. Dale presented our Conference emphasis for this year and suggested how we too can be evangelists. State Board meeting is a wonderful event in our lives. It is, and should be an honor and a privilege to attend.

Vera Lancaster

A Challenge!

Every Woman In Every C&C Church Attending Worship Service November 3, 1957

This is the Second Annual National Women's Fellowship Sunday. Key Women - start planning! If 100% attendance isn't possible - know why.

In Other Words - Plan To Have Every Woman Called

In Memory

Mrs. Estella Dowell
By Council Grove Fellowship

Mrs. George Noland
By Lawrence Plymouth Fellowship

Harriett Cooper
Myrta Dill
By Wichita Pilgrim Fellowship

It's More Blessed

Friendly Service affords us a means to give in the very best way - without expectation of tangible return. But, we can't escape returns, for when we give in this manner we are blessed with spiritual growth. How Kansas women have grown may be indicated by the fact that, thru Friendly Service, we gave half again as much to homeland institutions, as the year before. The figures are not available for our giving to the world missions.

We have a treat in store. Marjory Martin, our National Secretary of FS, will be in Topeka, Saturday, November 23rd to give us first-hand information. Do send your FS chairman to this meeting, if at all possible. Time and place will be announced later.

Because our good State Secretary, Myra Crippen, is not writing this article, this story can be told. In your FS booklet in the Packet is a sheet entitled "What Is An Old Shirt Worth." This was sent to Marjory Martin and she and the folks in her office in New York were entranced with it. She asked for permission to use it nationally and, Myra sent a set of sample garments made from an old shirt which Marjory has used at Retreats and Institutes.

Wouldn't it be fine if our circles would accept as a special project this year - asking every woman to make as many sets as possible from old shirts. The FS chairman should be responsible for helping the women, for keeping an accurate record of what is done, and for finding out where the garments are most needed.

"What Is An Old Shirt Worth" is a short way to ask, how great is my concern for the thousands of needy children in the world.

To Remind Us Of God

Are these words familiar? They are the purpose of the Woman's Gift. Sometime we get entangled with quotas and yardsticks in our desire to be of more service to the needy, but if we will just let our little blue and white boxes stop us as we glance at them, we'll see the words, "Stewards For God."

God gave us the universe, the beauty and the terror of it; He gave us our families; He gave us our very lives and all that they hold. He expects us to be intelligent and loving stewards of these gifts.

When we come to the knowledge that we are God's and that all we seem to possess is His, we will become Stewards for God. Time, the expendable gift of God, can be returned to Him, or wasted. Personality, the gift that sets each one apart, is most valuable to Him.

As we become good stewards of God's time and His personality that is in us we will become good stewards of the money He lends us for a while.

Gratitude to God, love of God; these mature emotions open our purses. What a miracle these little boxes can perform, if we let them remind us of God.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Kent Thompson, President **Polly Pierson, Secretary**

Western Rally

Lenora was host to a Western Senior Rally on September 28 and 29. Workshops on the three Commissions were led by members of the Good Hope Work Camp delegation. The Rev. Dan Tyson conducted Vespers; Rev. Kenneth Prunty brought a message; Rev. John Becker was host pastor.

Lunch for the group was furnished at noon on Sunday by Good Hope Church people.

Reunion And Rededication

The Western Rally also served as a reunion time for some of the Good Hope Work Camp group. Distances made it impossible for all to be present. The Rev. Louis Poppe, Director of the camp, took part in the rally program and also the special service of rededication which took place at Good Hope following the rally, when Rev. Hans Poppe presented the message.

Completion of the improvements made at Good Hope by the Work Camp has been carried out by the volunteer labors of members and friends of the church. This included refinishing of the interior walls and painting all the woodwork, hanging a new dossal curtain, building center steps to the chancel installing oak panelling and other repairs.

The Good Hope Church building, beautiful and attractive, stands as a symbol of what can be done when hands and hearts join together in Christian service.

Fellowship Findings

Barbara Bell of McPherson who graduated from KU last spring, is chairman of the Publications committee of United Student Fellowship and a part time staff person on "The Messenger" official publication of the E&R Church. Her headquarters are in St. Louis. She is taking some work at Eden Theological Seminary.

Wichita Plymouth was represented at Church World Service Work Camp by three girls - Anne Heide, Judy Curtis and Jodie Dawson. At this camp held at Hughson, California, tons of fruit were saved and processed ready to be sent to needy countries in the world.

The International Journal for September published an article, "Young People Interpret Their Faith" which was prepared by McPherson U.C.Y.M. with Marilyn Bell and John Matson as leaders. Marilyn, a former P.F.'er now active in U.S.F. at KU spent last summer at a Work-Seminar at Deering Community Center in New Hampshire. John Matson was honored by being chosen for the United Nations Pilgrimage sponsored by the Odd Fellows Lodge. At the meeting John was chosen as Chieftan of the Pilgrimage.

Topeka Central - Hosts

The Pilgrim Fellowship State Rally will be held at Topeka Central Congregational Church, Thursday and Friday, November 7 and 8. The Rev. Harold Woodbury, new Minister of Education at Central Church is Host Minister. The program begins at 1:30 p.m., Thursday and continues until 1:30 p.m. Friday.

The Rally theme will be, "Christian Youth Prepare For the Future." There will be plenty of fun and fellowship; education and inspiration. Every Senior Pilgrim Fellowship in the state should send a delegation.

Pilgrim Series Preview

An exciting new learning experience was begun at Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita when a "Thumb-Nail Preview of Fall Pilgrim Series Material" was held on September 11, 1957. The evening began with a dinner at 6:30 for the ninety-three teachers attending from Fairmount, Pilgrim, Mayflower, Whitewater and Plymouth. Following the dinner, Rev. George Kirk gave a welcoming address stressing the importance of our task as teachers. The four 'In-Service' Laboratory Teachers were introduced and the plans for our Laboratory School were shared. A puppet show, based on the article, "Who Am I?", taken from the September *Children's Religion* magazine, introduced the psychology course theme of "Knowng Children Better" - our trainee's text book.

The workers were then divided into departmental groups and directed to their rooms for the Preview. Reports were that a most helpful, enlightening hour was spent studying the materials, presenting ideas, seeing room arrangements and equipment.

At the close of the Preview, the teachers were taken to the little chapel where Rev. Clarence Kilde from Fairmount shared an inspiring dedication and committment program based on "Study to show thyself approved unto God---." Then they quietly left the Chapel with the conviction that they had taken another step towards becoming better teachers and leaders for the children of the churches they represented and that they were looking forward to another time when they could meet together for a survey of the next quarters' work.

The idea for this Preview grew out of the Manhattan Conference and is recommended by the State Conference Christian Education Committee.

Mrs. Paul Heide, reporter.

Workshop In Retrospect

As we recall the profitable week spent at the Christian Education Workshop in Manhattan the last of August, we can't help having a feeling of "My, what you - Co-workers in Church Schools - have missed." The workshop's full days of instruction and inspiration under most capable leaders were efficiently organized.

From morning meditations led by Rev. John Becker of Lenora we became more aware of the essentials on which our Christian Leadership must be based. They are: dedication, knowledge, enthusiasm, vision and organization. Two very interesting and popular sessions were Rev. Walter Dobler's Bible Study Period and "What Do We Believe" by Dr. Harry T. Stock. Rev. Clarence Kilde of Wichita led our vesper-time thinking on the Life of Christ. Getting to know these national and state level leaders in discussion groups and around the dinner tables of our Manhattan boarding home was a privilege for us beginners from Western Kansas. We are already eager to read more about them and their works in our denominational publications.

It was wonderful to receive instruction in our special age interest from specialists and to share experiences with well-qualified teachers. We were enlightened as to the vast amount of preparation put into our Pilgrim Series before it is sent to local churches and we became more aware of the worth and wealth we have in the Series.

It is our understanding that Kansas is one of the few places in which a workshop of this sort has been held. Knowing this, we feel even more for-

tunate at having had the opportunity to attend. Certainly the true worth of the weeklong workshop will be determined now that those of us who attended have returned to our teaching and supervisory jobs in our home churches. It is our hope that each of us will keep the inspiration with which we left the workshop.

A secondary result of the workshop and association with fine fellow workers was to instill in us a desire to attend next year's Family Camp and other training schools. We hope we'll see YOU there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Russell
Garden City, Kansas

Missionary Education Filmstrips

On Race—

"*Crossroad At Cedarmont*" - black and white, with script. Questions raised in the script should stimulate group discussion of the basic issues involved in housing discrimination.

"*It Happens Every Day*" - color with script. A calendar of day by day experiences in race relations illustrates the sort of school and community situations in which young people need to act constructively. Each incident is a discussion starter.

"*Our World of Happy Differences*" - In this color filmstrip, children are shown that differences make the world interesting and fun.

"*Growing As World Friends*" - This color filmstrip for leaders shows how the missionary education of children begins in babyhood and is continued through kindergarten, primary, and junior years.

On Japan—

"*From the Church At Nishio*" - Authenic detail will provoke discussion of the problems of the Japanese church and its place in the pattern of world Christianity. In color with script.

Find the strength for your life...

Religion In American Life Program

WORSHIP TOGETHER THIS WEEK

President Eisenhower has called for "a frank acknowledgment of our faith that He can supply that additional strength which, for these trying times is sorely needed."

During November, Americans are urged to do just that. The month is set aside as Religion In American Life Month. During this period a nationwide program, backed by a vast advertising campaign, emphasizes the importance of religion in peronal, family, community and national life.

Let this be our opportunity to help keep ourselves and our nation spiritually strong. Take to heart the RIAL theme, "Find the Strength for Your Life . . . Worship Together This Week."

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"*Kimiko of Japan*" - Color with script. A happy story about everyday experiences of a young Japanese girl. American children will see that Japanese girls and boys are like them in many ways.

On Stewardship—

Split Level Family - 30 min. movie

Reason for Being - filmstrip with record.

"DIMENSIONS OF OUR MISSION TODAY"

Mrs. John W. Gibson

Our Christian mission today is now multilateral instead of bilateral, as the Christians of Asia and Africa join in the sending of their own missionaries to other lands, making the movement world wide, operating in many directions. It is a process of the world being drawn into unitary history.

Service and evangelism together, are necessary for mission, but are not to be confused with each other; it is love going out into action which motivates mission.

A church which is not a mission is not a church; for the church is called upon to be a watchman, a sentinel to watch the limits human revolt can go without catastrophe. It is a physician to peoples, an ecumenical beacon at home and abroad. It is a messenger to persons, to individuals who have one chance to hear. It is the church which is calling to be a fellowship of the dead, to come alive in Jesus Christ.

Such were some of the thoughts expressed at the Pembroke, New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ, August 9 to 12, 1957 on "Dimensions of Our Mission Today," by four world leaders, Bishop Lesslie Newbigin of the Church of South India, Mr. Kyaw Than, newly elected Secretary of the East Asia Christian Conference, Reverend Howard Schomer, Secretary for Interchurch Aid in Europe, World Council of Churches, and Reverend Philip Potter, New York Secretary, Youth Department of the World Council of Churches.

Other major addresses were made by Dr. Dobbs Ehlman, Executive Secretary, Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and by Dr. Robert W. Spike, Director of Evangelism, Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches.

These addresses were then commented upon by a distinguished panel, followed by discussion participated in by the audience.

Because of the experience of the entire group, men and women, many of them outstanding in Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed circles, the Conference operated at a very high level, though humor was not lacking. Frank discussion of the problems of the new United Church of Christ in the United States brought into the open the great changes needed to be faced and the opportunity to make of the new church a great power, as it forges ahead in new channels and with new purposes.

When the suggestion was made that the churches of America reappraise their missionary effort over the world, the Reverend Darley Downs, American Board representative of the United Church of Christ in Japan, left no doubt in the minds of his listeners that the Asian churches would do their own appraisal; they welcome our counsel and suggestions, but wish to make decisions directly affecting them.

But they do need help from America, and the American churches must find ways to give money and materials without impoverishing the spiritual life of the receiving churches.

Also the glory and shame of the churches of America should be shared with the churches abroad, for not until this, his first visit to America, did Kyaw Than, a young man, learning of the problems of American churches, understand the role and function of the Christian Church in Asia.

Cross fertilization in biblical theology is needed, as is the development of theological contributions from the West to the East. Buildings and theological libraries are especially wanted in Asia. Liturgical and theological renewal (liturgical meaning to do with worship) is necessary.

The beauty and solemnity of the full service of Holy Communion as used in the Church of South India was appreciated by all, as Bishop Newbigin, assisted by the Reverend Everett Barrows, Associate Minister of the New Hampshire Conference, conducted the Holy Rites.

The Reverend Philip Williams of the Board of International Missions and Dr. Lawrence L. Durgin, pastor Central Congregational Church, Providence, Rhode Island, were in charge of Bible study, using Acts 11 and 16 as the basis of information on early Christian missions. These chapters provided a focus for group interest in deciding what vital point contained in the passages should be presented to the audience as a whole, for further consideration.

To Dr. David Stowe, educational secretary for the American Board goes the credit for the planning of this noteworthy Conference.

In his closing thought, the Reverend Howard Schomer reflected that Isaac Watt's hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", gives an idea what the United Church should be. The last stanza says this to us:

"Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a pleasant far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

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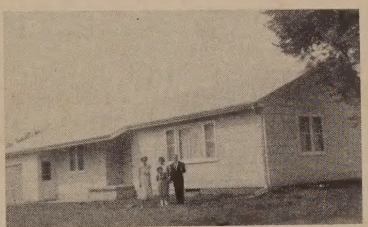
Arthur Taylor's Of Nebraska

News has just come of the resignaton of Dr. Arthur Taylor as Minister and Superintendent of the Nebraska Conference. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor went to Fremont, Nebraska from our Hutchinson Church in 1941 and took over the Conference work in 1944. They have been called to the pastorate of the church at Scottsbluff, Nebraska.



Pretty Pink Parsonage

Early this fall the Rev. Clifton Kruse and family moved from Topeka into the lovely new six room parsonage at Carbondale. With its exterior finished with soft pink asbestos shingles, the house makes an attractive addition to the church and community.

In addition to the six spacious rooms at the ground level, the house has a full basement which includes some Church School class rooms. Built almost entirely by volunteer labor, the new structure is free of debt. Money still coming in on pledges will be used to complete the driveway and walks and add shrubbery.

Future plans envision some expansion of the church structure including additional S. S. rooms, restrooms and an enlarged sanctuary.

The Kruse's have two daughters at home - Thelma, a Junior in High School and Jane in third grade. Mr. Kruse works in Topeka during the week.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Brewster of Yankton, South Dakota, formerly of Manhattan, in the death of their son Arthur Holt who passed away early in August.

A Boy For Flemmings

Rev. and Mrs. W. Dieter Flemming of Prairie Village announce the birth of a son, Denis Dieter, born September 7 at KU Medical Center.

Another Boy

The Rev. Dan and Fairy Tyson announce the arrival of Paul Huffman at Smith Center on September 12, 1957. Paul has a sister, Noel, eldest in the family and two brothers, Hugh and Eric.

Welborn Launches Building Campaign

Mr. Perc Rayl, Chairman of the Building Committee at Kansas City Welborn, reports that the architect's plans for the new educational unit have been accepted and construction should start early in the new year. The new unit will include rooms for an expanding religious education program, new dining room and kitchen and new fellowship area.

A campaign for funds is being launched, November 4 to 10 under the leadership of Mr. Harris E. Heverly of the Finance Department of the Church Building Society.

Full House

On September 15, the first Sunday for K.U. students to be back, more than 1200 worshippers attended services at Plymouth Congregational Church in Lawrence.

A Stewardship Thot!

It's not what I'd do for the Lord
If a million would fall to my lot,
But what am I doing today With
the dollar and a quarter I've got!

Help Your Young People Observe Work Day For Christ

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